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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATING CLAIMS AGAINST SYRIA

REFERENCES: A. DAMASCUS 2475; B. STATE 235236

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. CONCUR IN APPROACH YOU PROPOSE TAKE IN ANSWER TO REF B. BELIEVE IT REASONABLE TO TAKE A PHASED APPROACH TO CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN TRYING TO HANDLE THEM ALL AT ONCE, AND THAT IT IS LOGICAL TO HANDLE PL 480 BALANCES AND EXIMBANK CLAIM FIRST. YOU ARE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT PERIOD OF MY GREATEST CONCERN IS FROM NOW TO MID-NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, IF IT COULD BE DONE WITHOUT RISKING NEGATIVE EFFECT ON SECRETARY'S VISIT, IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOU COULD AT LEAST MAKE AN EARLY BEGINNING IN NEGOTIATION OF PL 480 AND EXIMBANK CLAIMS, SINCE BEFORE NEW US-SARG PL 480 AGREEMENT IS SIGNED WE WILL WANT TO BE ABLE TO SHOW PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS. LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT HOW MUCH SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED BEFORE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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2. IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST AND CONCERNS OF OTHER

AGENCIES, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GOOD TO TAKE UP OTHER CLAIMS
WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, E.G. BEFORE END
OF YEAR, WHEN PL 480 AGREEMENT SHOULD BE OUT OF THE WAY.

3. WHILE THERE IS POSSIBILITY AID BILL MIGHT BE PASSED
BY THIS CONGRESS, WHICH RESUMES AFTER ELECTIONS, IT IS
STILL TOO EARLY TO HAVE A DEFINITE FIX ON THAT.
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